

Community News

Elba Chamber beauty winners' pictures are released



PETITE LITTLE MISS: Winners of the 1999 Petite Little Miss Christmas pageant were: Catlyn Hutto, Petite Little Miss Christmas; Madison Millette, 1st Runner-Up; Taylor Hudson, 2nd Runner-Up; Vanessa Magwood, 3rd Runner-Up; and Clara Parker, 4th Runner-Up.



TINY TOT: Winners of the 1999 Tiny Tot Little Miss Christmas pageant were: Annsey Padgett, Tiny Tot Little Miss Christmas; Madelyn Kelley, 1st Runner-Up; and Nina Sawyer, 2nd Runner-Up.



MISS: Winners of the 1999 Miss Christmas pageant were: Sarah Miller, Miss Christmas; Carmenda Coleman, 1st Runner-Up; Lauren Moore, 2nd Runner-Up; Christine Cordes, 3rd Runner-Up; and Jessica Kelley, 4th Runner-Up.



LITTLE MISS: Winners of the 1999 Little Miss Christmas pageant were: Heather Hendricks, Little Miss Christmas; Adora Gooch, 1st Runner-Up; Morgan Driggers, 2nd Runner-Up; Gabby Powe, 3rd Runner-Up; and Bailey Daugherty, 4th Runner-Up.

The winners of the annual Elba Chamber of Commerce beauty pageant, held in conjunction with the annual Christmas Festival were recently released and are shown here.



JR. MISS: Winners of the 1999 Jr. Miss Christmas pageant were: Collette Newsome, Jr. Miss Christmas; and Amelia Jones, 1st Runner-Up.



MINI MISS: Winners of the 1999 Mini Miss Christmas pageant were: Megan Anderson, Mini Miss Christmas; Brooke Stinson, 1st Runner-Up; Summer Parker, 2nd Runner-Up; and Hannah Manning, 3rd Runner-Up.

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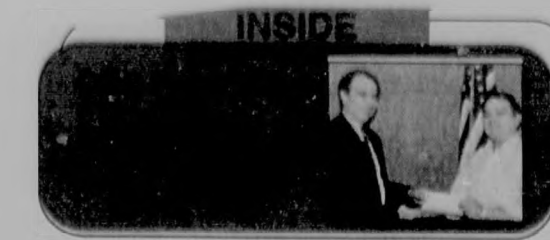
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Supt. Charles Pearce hands in resignation

by Ferrin Cox, Publisher

Superintendent Charles Pearce surprised the Elba School Board Thursday night by submitting his resignation, effective the end of June, thus ending a ten year reign at the helm of the Elba City School system. The meeting had been routine, with routine staff resignations, personnel transfers and open concerns over the deteriorating financial condition of the school system dominating the meeting, when the 28 year veteran of the Elba school system presented board members with his prepared letter of resignation. He is one of at least 29 announced Alabama school superintendents retiring this year. The Elba school system also has at least five career teachers retiring at the end of the current school year.

In the statement Pearce wrote: "I plan to retire at the end of June, 2000. Please know that this has not been an easy decision. However, there is a lot of truth in the statement, 'You know when it's time.' It has been a pleasure to serve the last ten years as Superintendent for this fine school system. Because of



Supt. Charles Pearce

the support of present and past board members, much has been accomplished to make ECS one of the top school systems in the state. I thank each of you for allowing me to be a part of these accomplishments. I will continue to do all I can to help provide the best education possible for our students until my replacement is named and the transition is made."

Pearce told board members he would work with them, and the new superintendent they select during the transition to make sure it is a smooth transfer of leadership. He said he will not be making any recommendation on any person to fill the position.

Following the meeting, Pearce said he had no definite plans but would stay involved in the community and was looking at a couple of part-time income producing projects. He said his retirement was not related to the fact his wife Freddie, a highly praised elementary teacher in the local system, had expressed her intentions of retiring at the end of the school year.

He added that the school system is in as good of shape as he can get it and promised to have it in better shape before leaving office at the end of June.

The school board members agreed to seek the assistance of the Alabama Association of School Boards in finding a qualified replacement. However, they later discovered the association was no longer involved in this screening process. The board plans to use the services of a not yet selected consulting group to do the initial interviewing and recommendation of a short list (possibly five or six candidates) of the best qualified candidates. The local board will then make the final selection.

Board members said informally after the meeting adjourned that an additional requirement will be that the successful candidate must agree to live in the Elba school district during his or her tenure in office.

In other business the board approved the transfer of Shannon Catlett to the Secretary/Bookkeeper position at Elba Elementary School. She had been serving as an aide in that office.

The board also accepted the resignation of Sereitha Flowers as P.E. Aide at Elba Elementary School.

The board adopted a state school Acceptable Use Policy, designed to control use of the technology, prohibit students from misusing the internet on school equipment and require written parent permission

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Council updated on FEMA drainage project

by Linda Hodge, Staff Writer

The Elba City Council received an unexpected update Monday night on the FEMA drainage project for Martin Luther King Drive and Putnam Street during its regular bi-monthly meeting.

Although he was not on the agenda for Monday night's meeting, Bobby Lee, engineer with Peters Mitchell and Associates, addressed the council to bring them up-to-date on the plans and work being done to improve the drainage system on Martin Luther King Drive and Putnam Street.

On the Martin Luther King Drive side of the project, Lee said the job will require the addition of several larger concrete pipes and extensions along the Kennedy Estates area, Roosevelt Street, King Street and across through Martin Luther King Drive. He said presently, there is one outlet for the water in this area, and this project will allow them to add three new releases.

"Now, you've basically got one outlet," Lee said to the council members as they looked at the maps detailing the area where the work will be done. "After this project is complete, there will be four and you should have some real positive drainage."

Along the Putnam Street area, Lee told council members that all the water inlets will be replaced with new curb inlets which should allow the water to flow more quickly.

"This will let us get the water to the pumps quicker, and the water should get out of there sooner," Lee

He also pointed out areas where new concrete pipes will be added in this section of the project.

When asked about the start date of this project, Lee said the contract between the City of Elba and the State of Alabama for this project is in the state's hands at this time to be signed. He said the planning for this project should be finished by next week, and hopefully, the state will have signed the contract by then.

"As soon as we get the approval for advertising, we will get started," Lee said.

In regards to new business, the council approved bids for the recreation department for sporting equipment. Upon Mayor James Grimes recommendation, the council voted to award the bids, based on each line item, to All-Star Sporting Goods if the company offered the lowest bid. If All-Star did not have the lowest bid on a certain line item, the bid was awarded to the lowest bidder.

The council also approved the purchase of a Turf Tractor for the recreation department to the low bidder for \$14,392, as well as the purchase of a 6-foot mower for the low bid of \$13,543. The mower, however, will not be purchased until April or May of this year.

In his report to the council, Police Chief R.W. Whitworth told council members that he and the mayor had attended the Coffee County Commission meeting earlier in the day to ask the commission for its help in supplying the funds so the city could create a new position for an E-911 operator. He said the commission took no action on their request.

Whitworth said the department had answered 411 E-911 calls from Jan. 1 through Feb. 12.

In other matters, the council took the following action:

* Appointed Neil Gilmer to the South Central Mental Health Board.

* Mayor Grimes told them that the general liability insurance contract had been renewed with Reliance. In the last meeting, the council gave the mayor, city clerk and city attorney approval to finalize this deal.

* Approved to pay the bills for the month which totaled \$21,219.68.

The motion to park all county vehicles except those assigned to persons on call for emergency type



WHERE HAVE ALL THE TREES GONE? This is the question being asked by several regular visitors to the downtown area of Elba. The trees being referred to are the dogwoods that until recently ringed the outer perimeter of the courthouse square. It had been noticed by several individuals that some of the trees were dying and an attempt was made to find out why. An "expert" from Auburn University was contacted and it was learned that the trees were getting too much direct sunlight. Dogwoods have to have about 50 percent of shaded light to thrive and grow properly. The dogwoods have been removed and trees which are more adaptable to the available sunlight will soon be planted on the square, one again adding to the beauty of downtown Elba.

The Elba Chamber of Commerce has sponsored a grant which was applied for through the City of Elba and was received to be used toward beautification of the square. The \$2,000 received is to be used to purchase crepe myrtle trees - 36 total - which will soon be planted on the square. Jimmy Harrison, who has really taken the beautification of the square to heart, is heading up the project for the Chamber of Commerce. He is quick to point out that all the civic organizations in the city are rising to the challenge of making downtown Elba a focal point of the city and making it a pleasant sight to residents as well as those passing through. The groups are making monetary contributions as well as providing manpower for this project. Kaye Whitworth, executive director of the Elba Chamber of Commerce, and Harrison said that a "Team Clean Up & Tree Planting Day" is being planned for Saturday, February 26. On that day all individuals and members of civic organizations are being encouraged to participate in this city-wide clean-up project. Not only will the trees be planted on the square but all areas of the town will be "cleaned up." In addition to planting the trees, a major landscaping project of the entire courthouse square, including the gazebo and flowing well fountain area, will be undertaken. Both Harrison and Whitworth encourage everyone to come out and take part in this very worthwhile project and get involved!

County Commission parks twelve vehicles

by Marvin McLain, Editor

The Coffee County Commission, even with several late entries to the agenda, managed to complete its business session in less than one hour Monday morning.

Commission Chairman Kayo Lewis wasted little time in getting to the old business of parking county vehicles not assigned to personnel who are subject to emergency call-out.

Prior to entertaining a motion to bring the matter off the table (action on this matter was tabled in the January 24th meeting), Chairman Lewis commented that in 1986 a policy was enacted by the commission in office at that time which stated that each foreman (with the highway department) be assigned a vehicle to keep at their residence in case of emergencies.

An additional motion was passed at that same time allowing county employees living in the same area as the foreman to ride to and from work with that foreman as long as there was room to do so.

Lewis told commissioners that he had asked the county administrator to check with other counties pertaining to their vehicle policy. He said all the surrounding counties checked with have almost the same type policy in place.

The motion to park all county vehicles except those assigned to persons on call for emergency type

situations - inclement weather, building maintenance, etc. - was brought before the commission for discussion and action (all law enforcement vehicles are exempt by law from this action).

During the discussion of the motion, Commissioner Tom Grimesley asked how many county vehicles would be parked as a result of this action by the commission.

Chairman Lewis said that twelve (12) vehicles (in addition to those already being parked) would be parked should the motion pass. The following vehicles make up the twelve: two(2) from the maintenance department; two(2) from the revenue department; two(2) from the juvenile probation office; one(1) from the county health department; two(2) from the landfill; and three(3) from the highway department.

The motion calls for these vehicles to be parked on county property at night (not necessarily in the county yard but at one of the court-houses or the county complex) after working hours - 6 a.m. until 5 p.m. The sheriff's department will be asked to keep a check on these vehicles and any county employee caught driving one of the vehicles after hours will be terminated.

Commissioners passed the motion with a unanimous vote. It becomes effective March 1, 2000.

The lone individual listed on the meeting agenda under new business was county resident Ray Howell, who lives on County Rd. 272.

"I just want to tell you that I'm not here to complain," said Mr. Howell. "First of all I want to say thank you to the county commissioners for the job you do, and to the county highway department."

He told commissioners that he lives on a dirt road and knew it was dirt when he built his home on it, and he was willing to accept that fact when he did so.

However, he said he was coming before the commission to make a plea and that was to ask that County Rd. 272 be placed on the list of dirt roads to be paved.

County Engineer Randy Tindell affirmed that at the present time the road was not on the list of dirt roads to be paved. It was also noted that a portion of the road is in the city

limits of New Brockton.

When asked by Mr. Howell what was needed to get the road on the list, Chairman Lewis said he should get a petition signed by all those individuals who live on and/or own land on the road stating that they are willing to sign right-of-way deeds.

Elba Chief of Police R. W. "Ronnie" Whitworth appeared before the commission asking for the county's assistance in funding two additional E-911 dispatcher slots for the Elba Police Department.

He noted that his dispatchers had answered 411 E-911 calls from January 1 to February 12. This is in addition to the normal radio traffic and telephone calls coming into the department. He commented that not all these calls are county related, however, the load is expected to become greater as time goes by.

Whitworth said E-911 calls consume a lot of time since the dispatcher has to remain on the line until the emergency is resolved - sometimes lasting forty-five minutes to an hour. He emphasized that

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Area Happenings



EDITORIAL

BRAINSTORMS

With Ferrin Cox

No one wants to be guilty of wishing bad luck on another person or group. However, that doesn't stop us from being thankful we didn't get the same horrors that hit Southwest Georgia Sunday night. At last count the death toll from the tornadoes which hit the Camilla area is predicted to exceed the positive count of 22 people, ranging from an infant to an elderly man living in a mobile home. The television news programs aptly captured the horror on the face of a man who, in a daze from the storm, wandered out into the aftermath and came upon the body of that dead child. We pray that God shields us from any such experience.

Another tragedy struck near Columbine High School in Littleton, Colorado this week. Two of the school students were found shot to death in a fast food restaurant near the school. The facts are not clear at this point, but law enforcement officers assume robbery was the motive. We wonder how much more killing the residents of that Denver suburb can take.

The sudden resignation of Elba school Superintendent Charles Pearce caught us by surprise. It was apparent he planned to retire within the next few years, but doing it now seemed to catch everyone else by the same surprise. Now the Elba City School Board has a tremendous job in naming a replacement; but the people of the Elba school district can take satisfaction in knowing that all five members of the Elba board have the interest of the students at heart and will act accordingly. Once they recovered from hearing the announcement for the first time themselves, they began discussing the proper procedure to be sure they hired the best person available. We salute them for accepting the thankless job but wouldn't trade places with them for one minute.

The Alabama House of Representatives gave a quick approval to the bill appointing a commission to study pay raises for state employees... including the legislators themselves. However, there is now a groundswell of people wanting to put brakes on the idea, mainly because it does give lawmakers backdoor raises. If this bill passes the Senate and becomes law, they get the raise in the middle of a term (or anytime) without having to take any backlash from the voters. We urge the Senate to put this idea so far down in the pile that it will never see the light of day again. Of course, the governor could quietly (or loudly) voice his concerns with the proposal and it would be dead for sure.

U.S. Senator Richard Shelby will be in Coffee County Friday morning. This would be a good time for citizens to meet with him first hand, hear his agenda and voice personal concerns. After all, that is why he is coming around.

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Severe Weather Preparedness Week Feb. 21-25

Alabama Governor Don Siegelman has proclaimed February 21-25, 2000 as Severe Weather Preparedness Week in Alabama.

The Coffee County Emergency Management Agency (CCEMA), the Alabama Emergency Management Agency and the State Department of Education join the National Weather Service and the American Red Cross in a joint effort to spread information about severe weather and how it impacts our state.

"Each year, we face the hardship caused by severe weather," said Joseph Tallis, director of CCEMA. "Although 1999 was a relatively quiet year for tornadoes, we remember that Alabama ranked second in the nation in the number of tornado deaths in 1998 due to the tragic Jefferson County tornado. The 1994 Palm Sunday tornado that struck the Goshen Church in Cherokee County and the tornado that struck Jopla and Arab in February 1995 are also grim reminders of the force of severe weather."

The following are some severe weather facts related to Alabama in 1999:

- In 1999, Alabama experienced 23 tornadoes with no deaths reported.
- Lightning strikes caused two deaths and four injuries in 1999. Since 1990, lightning has killed 16 people and injured 186 across the state. In an average year, lightning will claim more victims than tornadoes and hurricanes.
- In 1999, Alabama experienced 55 flood events resulting in the loss of two lives from flash floods. During the past nine years, 34 people have lost their lives because of flooding in Alabama.
- Severe thunderstorm wind reached damaging force at least 255 times in 1999 resulting in millions of dollars of damage. During that same year, thunderstorm wind injured 11 people and caused one death.
- "Throughout the week, we will focus on tornadoes, flooding/floods

flooding, thunderstorms and lightning," said Tallis.

A statewide tornado drill is scheduled, weather permitting, for Wednesday, Feb. 23, and the outdoor warning sirens will activate use of the actual tornado warning tone. In the event of bad weather, the tornado drill will be held on Friday, Feb. 25.

"We will also look at the various sources of weather information," Tallis said.

In addition to the normal media sources, the CCEMA maintains a web site that provides data on preparedness, as well as numerous weather links and other related information. Visit the site at www.ccema.com and BE PREPARED!



Elba Nursing Home's Valentine King & Queen

The residents and staff at the Elba Nursing Home had a heart-to-heart celebration this Valentine's Day after selecting their new King (Fredrick Till) and Queen (Mary Alice Wise). Flowers for the special occasion were provided by Elba Florist and Gift.

ELBA GENERAL HOSPITAL REPORT

Elba General Hospital had the following patients admitted during the time period of February 8, 2000, through February 14, 2000. They were: Lillie Boothe, Buck Donaldson, Samuel Harris, Claudia Slawson, Sheila Armstrong, Jesse Lee Hornsby, Emma Lee, Ida Mae Hooks, Nancy Wicker, Carrie Hall, Maureen Morgan, Andrew Bryan, Henry Eiland, Christopher Rayborn, Howard Morgan, Betty Spurlin, Penny Ingram, Early Cardwell, Ivan Grable, Bonnie Johnson, Mary Bryan, Larry Siler, Myra Stokes, Phyllis Maddox, Lela Spinks, Henry Chestnut, and Pearl Tillis.

Persons discharged during the same time period were: Charles Hurd, Brad McMillian, Lessie Compton, Claudia Slawson, Mary Vaughan, Pearl Tillis, Fletcher Maddox, Betty Driggers, Samuel Harris, Henry Eiland, Lillie Boothe, Nancy Wicker, Carrie Hall, Maureen Morgan, Andrew Bryan, Henry Eiland, Christopher Rayborn, Emma Lee, Larry Siler, Betty Spurlin, Penny Ingram, Early Cardwell, Ivan Grable, Bonnie Johnson, Mary Bryan, Larry Siler, Myra Stokes, Phyllis Maddox, Lela Spinks, Henry Chestnut, and Pearl Tillis.

NOTICE

The administration of the Elba General Hospital and Nursing Home has placed into effect a visitor restriction. There will be no routine visiting of residents until further notice. No children please! Due to the widespread cases of flu, pneumonia, and respiratory infections in the community, visitation is being restricted. All visitors must report to the nurse's station for further instruction. Cooperation in this matter would be appreciated.

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- WATER & ELECTRIC** - Tuesday following 2nd Monday 6 p.m. - City Hall.
- COFFEE COUNTY COMMISSION** - 2nd & 4th Monday - Community Room in Farm Center Complex @ New Brockton.
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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor,

...Liberty News...

My good friend James Lindsey passed away on Sunday, January 30. I sure will miss him. It was always nice to go to Ohio to his home. He had a lovely wife, four daughters and one son. He had lots of folks in Alabama, brothers and sisters. He had a bad time of it this last year, we will all surely miss him.

It sure was nice to get up New Year's day and have lights. I don't think we ever had a nice one. All I could read or hear was (Y2K) we were in for a long time with no lights, banks out of order, stores with no food. So you see all those "know it all's" didn't know so much after all. I heard a man on TV, January 2, say it's not over yet. I haven't heard from him anymore. I hope he didn't get too much of that 100 billion that it cost to make things work. Now all the water is polluted by the way it getting so hot, something has got to be done (what will that cost?). I thought the Good Lord had something to say about that - as long as this world stands someone will try to

get rich for doing nothing.

I sure did enjoy the Editor's letter from Mrs. Minton. She came back to Smutey to her home place, had a nice time. I played basketball for the Pine Level for a game. Smutey had a Grafton Bragg on their team. I thought Mrs. Minton could be kin to him. Mr. Calbert Nelson was the coach at that time and I must say a real good one. I always enjoyed the games.

Bud Carpenter and wife came in one night last week, we sure did enjoy them. They came in with a care package and I thanked them very much.

I called Debby Bryan one night. I couldn't understand her. I thought I had the wrong party, started to hang up, but it was her. She had been to New York for a few days, came home with that Yankee talk. She is back in good old Alabama now and doing lots better. I can understand her o.k. Poor thing got bit by a spider. I think she thought it would just kill the spider, but it didn't work that way. I think she is better now.

Mrs. Hanchy up in Tyrone, Georgia is receiving the Elba Clipper and really enjoys it. Hello Mrs. Hanchy!!

Well it is getting time for the Pine Level School Reunion. It will be on March 25 at the Elba High School cafeteria. If you see anyone please pass the word on (the old building at Pine Level is out of order, no light or water).

We have a CD for the Liberty Cemetery Fund for \$2,100.00 and \$235.00 in a saving account. If anyone would like to give and hasn't, please make your check payable to the Liberty Cemetery Fund.

Thank you,
Ned Boland with "The Liberty News"

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this is not the norm, but these type calls do occur from time to time.

When asked how much time was needed, Whitworth estimated approximately \$35,000 annually with the city providing the training and other necessary requirements.

After hearing Whitworth's request, commissioners agreed to discuss the matter in their next work session.

County Engineer Randy Tindell reported that all NRCS (Natural Resource & Conservation Service) sites (erosion sites) had been completed, and a summary of the cost should be ready by the next commission meeting.

He also reported that the contract for the widening of County Rd. 636 had been let on Feb. 4 with the low bidder being A-Pac (formerly Couch Construction). Their bid was \$835,472.89. In addition to that contract, a riverbank stabilization project was let on County Rd. 474 where the Pea River is "eating" into the right-of-way of the road. Low bidder on that project was Carter's Construction Services of Andalusia. Their bid was \$114,833.

Tindell said both jobs should start within the next thirty days.

The county engineer referred back to the recent paved road evaluation by the Alabama Department of Transportation noting that Coffee County had improved in all categories since 1996.

On major collector roads (main roads in the county qualifying for federal funds), the points (possible 100) were as follows: 1996 - 81;

1997 - 87; 1998 - Not rated due to flooding; and 1999 - 91.

On minor collectors (less traveled roads receiving no federal funds), the grades were as follows: 1996 - 78; 1997 - 82; 1998 - Not rated due to flooding; and 1999 - 87.

The overall (combined roads) was as follows: 1996 - 79; 1997 - 84; 1998 - No grade due to flooding; and 1999 - 88.

Tindell commented to the commission that Coffee County ranked right up there with the larger counties, namely Houston County.

He noted that it will be interesting to see how the county compares statewide with the other counties. The County Engineers' Association is in the process of compiling data from all across the state.

The commission reluctantly acknowledged the resignation of Cathy Lolley as assistant county administrator. All the commissioners had nothing but high praises for the job she had done for the county.

In other matters, the commission took the following action:

***Agreed to help with the installation of a drainage pipe on the Zion Chapel High School campus. This is to relieve a watershed problem at the construction site of the new classrooms.

***Tindell reported that the recent auctioning off of several vehicles netted \$6,556.50 for the county.

***Passed a resolution authorizing the application for an Industrial Access Grant for the resurfacing of County Rd. 400. This will be done

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DANIELS

education and development, total quality management, and Department of the Army equal employment opportunity counselor.

Throughout his career, Clinton has received several promotions which include being promoted to driver operator in 1983, being promoted to Lieutenant in 1985 and being promoted to Captain in 1991.

And, in 1996, he became the first African American to be promoted to the position of Assistant Fire Chief of the Fort Rucker Fire

Department which is the largest federal fire department within the Department of the Army. In this position, Clinton oversees 12 crash stations.

Chief Daniels is a member of the Shady Grove African Methodist Episcopal Church in Elba which was founded by his great-grandfather, Elijah H. Daniels (Parson), in 1870. Clinton serves as a Steward Lay President and Assistant Financial Secretary for the church.

Another way people in our government help preserve clean energy is by renewing power plant licenses. Many of today's plants were built in the '60s and '70s. There licenses need to be renewed for the plants to be able to meet the continuing demand for electricity. Without new or extended licenses, some nuclear power plants would have to close. Companies, families and government agencies would still need electricity.

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Should Congress encourage clean energy

(NAPS)—Imagine a reliable source of energy that puts no pollution into the air and takes less than one half of one percent of the government's energy research budget.

Actually, that exciting-sounding energy source is already here. Nuclear energy which is produced

with no emissions fits that bill. Nuclear energy currently supplies about 20 percent of all America's electricity needs, according to experts at the Nuclear Energy Institute.

Continued funding of nuclear energy research will help the United

States "join other advanced countries in conducting long-term, advanced research into nuclear technology. In doing so, the United States can explore new technologies that may be vital to the future, reassert its leadership role in nuclear technology and maintain its 'seat at the table' in the ongoing international discussion over nuclear energy technology and issues."

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***Requested bids for the reflooring of several offices in the county health department.

***Voted to require submission of sealed bids on the use of the old New Hope School building for the purpose of auctions only.

***Approved the purchase of an ad on a promotional map being published by the Elba Chamber of Commerce. The cost is \$150.

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AREA DEATHS

LESSIE LOU JANE COMPTON
Mrs. Lessie Lou Jane Compton, age 88, of 966 N. Drayton, Elba, died Feb. 8, 2000 at the Elba Nursing Home.

Funeral services were held Feb. 11, 2000 in the Chapel of Hayes Funeral Home of Elba with Rev. Elbert Smith and Rev. Wayne Webber officiating. Burial followed in the Evergreen Cemetery of Elba with Hayes Funeral Home directing.

CHURCH



ONE ACCORD will be in concert at Westside Baptist Church, located on Caroline Street in Elba, on Sunday, March 5. The concert will begin at 10 a.m. No admission charge, but a love offering will be taken during the service. Everyone is welcome.

Revival services to be held at Bluff Springs Baptist Church Feb. 21-25

Bluff Springs Baptist Church will hold Revival Services on Monday, Feb. 21, through Friday, Feb. 25, at 7 p.m. nightly. The speaker will be Bro. Burney Enzor and the music director will be Bro. Mark Donaldson. The church is located on County Road 305. Everyone is invited to attend.

Praise and Glory Free Pentacostal Church to hold revival services

Praise and Glory Free Pentacostal Church, 419 S. John St. in New Brockton, will hold revival services on Feb. 17, 18 and 19, at 7 p.m. nightly. The guest speakers will be

Kenneth and Thelma Gunn. The church is located across from New Brockton High School. Everyone is welcome.

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The Heart - Part II The Nature of the Heart Apart from God

When Adam and Eve chose to follow the temptation of the serpent to eat of the tree of knowledge of good and evil, their decision drastically affected the human heart. It became filled with evil. At present, therefore, according to the testimony of Jeremiah, "the heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked; who can know it?" (Jer. 17:9). Jesus confirmed Jeremiah's diagnosis when he said that what defiles a person before God is not the failure to follow some ceremonial law, but the willingness to listen to wicked inclinations lodged in one's heart such as "evil thoughts, adulteries, fornications, murders, thefts, covetousness, wickedness, deceit, lasciviousness, an evil eye, blasphemy, pride, foolishness" (Mark 7:21-22). Jesus taught about the seriousness of sin in the heart when he said that the sin of anger and hatred is tantamount to murder and the sin of lust is just as sinful as actual adultery.

Hearts that are bent upon doing evil run the grave risk of becoming hardened. Those who persistently refuse to listen to God's Word and to obey what He commands, and instead follow the wicked desires of their hearts will find that God will eventually harden their hearts so that they lose all sensitivity to His Word and to the desire of the Holy Spirit (Heb. 3:8). The primary example of this in the Scriptures is the heart of the Pharaoh at the time of the exodus (Exodus Chapters 7&8). Paul saw the same general principle operative in the Roman Empire (Rom. 1:24-28) and predicted that it would also occur during the days of the antichrist. The writer of Hebrews filled his letter with warnings to believers not to harden their hearts. Anyone who continues to reject God's word will eventually have a hardened heart. Let us receive the instructions recorded in Heb. 4:7, "Again, he limiteth a certain day, saying in David, Today, after so long a time, as it is said, Today if ye will hear his voice, harden not your hearts."



Pictured above: Bro. Bruce Williams, his wife Terre & daughters. Misty, Stacy & Stephanie

Ordination for Bruce Williams held at Whitewater Baptist Church

On Sunday, Dec. 12, by a unanimous vote, Whitewater Baptist Church called Brother Bruce C. Williams as pastor, and he accepted the call the same day. His first service as pastor was on Wednesday, Dec. 15.

Since Bro. Bruce had not been ordained, the church, with the help of Bro. Joel Jackson, Director of Missions for Coffee County, began making plans for his ordination. The ordination council met on Jan. 22, to examine Bro. Bruce on his call into the gospel ministry. He was asked to share his salvation experience, call into the ministry, doctrinal belief, being pastor of a local church, his commitment to the Southern Baptist Convention and associational missions. He responded to the report of the council, Feb. 19, at 7 p.m. The featured sermon was "The Heart" by Bro. Williams, with a deep respect and commitment to the Lord Jesus and the word of God. The following day, Sunday, Jan. 23, Rev. Jimmy Madison, clerk of the council, authorized the church to pursue the ordination of Bro. Bruce Williams.

Mr. Larry Gritton, Bruce's former high school basketball coach, preached the ordination sermon. Mr. Gritton is presently coaching in Augusta, Ga., and serving as a vocational pastor in an area church. Bruce and his wife, Terre, are natives of Kentucky, and they have three daughters: Misty, Stacy and Stephanie. On Aug. 1, he will have completed twenty years of service as a military policeman in the United States Army and will retire as a Sergeant First Class. The Williams family will continue to live on post at Fort Rucker until June 1. They will then move to Elba and reside in the pastorate at Whitewater.

Bro. Williams attended City Colleges of Chicago in Vilsek, Germany, and is currently attending night classes at Enterprise State Junior College. He plans to continue his education at Enterprise State. Terre is also a student at ESJC. Their oldest daughter is a student at Wallace College, and their other two daughters are in elementary school on post at Fort Rucker.

Members of the Whitewater congregation welcome Bro. Bruce, as they fondly address him, and his family and look forward to a fruitful ministry.

Brian Free to be in concert at Faith Chapel February 18th



Brian Free

Brian Free, a Southern Gospel soloist formerly of "Gold City" and "Assurance," will be in concert Friday, Feb. 18, at Faith Chapel Church on Highway 189 South. The concert will begin at 7 p.m. There is no admission charge, but a love offering will be received. Everyone is invited to attend. For more information, call 897-2791.

Gospel singing planned at Shiloh Baptist Church

There will be a gospel singing at Shiloh Baptist Church on Saturday, Feb. 19, at 7 p.m. The featured group will be the "Moon Family." Everyone is invited.

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LIFESTYLES

Fourth Annual Coffee County Benefit Pageant to be held April 8th

The Fourth Annual Coffee County Benefit Pageant for "Relay for Life" will be April 8 at 6 p.m. in the multi-purpose room of Enterprise State Junior College. Categories include: Baby "Relay for Life", ages 0-1; Tiny Miss "Relay for Life", ages 2-4; Little Miss "Relay for Life", ages 5-7; Petite Miss "Relay for Life", ages 8-11; Junior Miss "Relay for Life", ages 12-15; Miss "Relay for Life", ages 16-20. All proceeds go to benefit the American Cancer Society. Registration fee is \$25; Miss Photogenic \$5; and admission will be \$3. It is a Sunday Dress pageant.

For more information, call Elaine Stuckey at 347-9444 or 347-1542 or Ida Guthrie at 347-0861 or 347-4949.

Pregnancy & Infant Loss Support Group SHARE to meet

The Pregnancy and Infant Loss Support Group SHARE will meet on the second Monday of each month beginning March 2000. The first meeting will be March 13, from 7-8:30 p.m. at The Wellness Center 1669 W. Main St., Dothan, AL.

All parents who have experienced a pregnancy or infant loss are invited to attend. Grandparents are also welcome.

Light refreshments will be served. The group facilitator will be Dr. Dorinda Ban Loo, Katey Paulk R.N.

These meetings are sponsored by Regional Grief and Loss Outreach-Community Care Hospice and AARP. Enterprise. For more information call 347-6846.

Catfish Festival date set for April 1st

The Arvon merchants and Friends have planned the annual Catfish Festival for Saturday, April 1 in downtown Arvon. Events will include a parade, local talent and talent show, a pageant, arts and craft booths and of course lots of food. Booths are available at \$20 per space on a reservation basis, and the pageant entry fee is \$20. For information or applications, call Debra at (334) 762-2019 or Jackie at (334) 762-2266 or write the Arvon Merchants and Friends at P.O. Box 53, Arvon, AL 36311.

Miss Spurlin and Mr. Chandler announce wedding plans

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd William Carr of Elba announce the engagement and forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Lana Nicole Spurlin, to William Varnon Chandler Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. William Varnon Chandler Sr. of Birmingham.

Lana is also the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Albert Spurlin and the granddaughter of Mrs. Cody Spurlin and the late Mr. Spurlin and the late Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Grantham, all of Elba.

She is a 1995 graduate of Elba High School. Lana received a Bachelor of Arts degree in English from the University of Alabama in 1999 and was a member of Delta Zeta Sorority. She currently is employed in Birmingham.

Billy is the grandson of Mrs. Peter Clarence Pettit and the late Mr. Pettit of Montgomery and the late Mr. and Mrs. William Franklin Chandler of Birmingham.

He is a 1994 graduate of Minor High School in Birmingham, and he received a Bachelor of Science degree in secondary education from the University of Alabama in 1998. Billy is currently employed in Birmingham.

The wedding is planned for 7 p.m. on May 27, 2000 at Crumly Chapel United Methodist Church in Birmingham.

Annual dance sponsored by the EJCWC Club to be held Feb. 26th



Miss Spurlin & Mr. Chandler

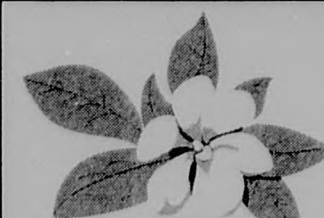
New Arrival

CALLIE REBECCA BERRY

Kim and Ginny Berry are the proud parents of a baby girl, Callie Rebecca. Callie arrived at 7:14 a.m. on Jan. 29, 2000. At birth, she weighed 8 lbs. 11 oz. and was 20 inches long.

Callie was welcomed home by her big sister, Regin Elizabeth. Proud grandparents are Lynda and Harold Berry of Elba and Debbie and Larry Waltus of Enterprise.

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Dr. William H. Hall is a 1981 graduate of the Medical University of South Carolina's College of Dental Medicine. He served as a dental officer in the U.S. Army Dental Corps where he earned numerous awards and completed a one year General Dentistry Residency. Dr. Hall is a fellow in the American Academy of General Dentistry which includes both educational and clinical accomplishments. He is married to Sandy Hall and they have two children, Patrick, 17, and Lindsay, 16. Dr. Hall and his family have lived in Enterprise since 1991 and are members of the First Baptist Church of Enterprise.

The Magnolia Dental Center cordially invites Coffee County to stop by to meet our staff and tour our modern facility. You may also call to schedule an appointment for National Dental Health Month.

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Elba Chamber of Commerce Sponsoring Team Clean Up Day

The Elba Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring a team clean up day in conjunction with the Plant a Tree Project. The event will be held on Saturday, Feb. 26, beginning at 9 a.m. Activities will include planting trees around the courthouse, landscaping around the gazebo and fountain, picking up trash along the streets in the different areas of town.

Civic groups, business organizations, churches, school clubs and any other interested volunteers are asked to sponsor a team in order to make this event a big success. Lunch will be provided at 12 noon on the square.

Please call the chamber office (897-3125) by Feb. 18 to sign your group and identify the team captain.

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Service 6:00 p.m.		CHESTNUT GROVE METHODIST CHURCH Benoit Abbott, Pastor Church Service 9:30 a.m. 1st, 3rd & 5th Sundays 11:00 a.m. Sunday School 11:00 a.m. Wed. Service 6:00 p.m.		DORCAS BAPTIST CHURCH Danny Marler, Pastor Sunday School 10:00 a.m. Mon. Worship 11:00 a.m. Even. Service 6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Meeting 7:00 p.m.		FAITH CHAPEL COMMUNITY CHURCH Danny Sherer, Pastor Sunday School 10:00 a.m. Mon. Worship 11:00 a.m. Even. Service 6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Service 7:00 p.m.		FIRST ASSEMBLY OF GOD - KINSTON Danny Bradshaw, Pastor Sunday School 9:45 a.m. Mon. Worship 11:00 a.m. Even. Service 6:00 p.m. Wed. Bible Study 7:00 p.m.		FRIENDSHIP HOLINESS CHURCH Andy Marler, Pastor Sunday School 10:00 a.m. Mon. Worship 11:00 a.m. Sunday Evening 6:00 p.m. Wed. Service 7:00 p.m.		GREATER NEW ZION BAPTIST CHURCH Willie L. Peterson, Pastor Sunday School 10:00 a.m. Mon. Worship 11:00 a.m. Sunday Evening 6:00 p.m. Wed. 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Co-Op Spotlight



by Natasha Bannin
This week's Co-Op Spotlight focuses on Ryan Jackson. Ryan, a senior, is the 19 year old son of Calvin and Bonnie Jackson. He is employed by Windham Lumber Company, where he is a stockman and counter personnel. In the future, Ryan wants to be a Navy Seal. He is presently being recruited by the Navy. Once he gets out of the Navy, he plans to attend a 4-year college. Ryan is a member of FFA, VICA, and FBLA.

Tiger Tales

Editors:
Kimberly Ward
Cammie Kelley

Top Of The Class In Mag Sales



by Cammie Kelley
Junior Magazine Sales began on January 21 and ended on February 4. The Juniors have been working hard to achieve their goal. The goal set for this year is \$17,000. All of the money raised is used to purchase decorations, food, and favors for the upcoming prom in May. The quota for each person is \$225. The top sellers have been announced. Selling the most was Blake Streetman. He raised \$1,025.49. Second place was Carey Holloway. She raised \$765.39. Many Juniors sold their quota; however, there was still a lot of work to be done. The Junior class would like to thank everyone who bought a magazine for their support. Congratulations to the top sellers. Pictures above are Cammie Kelley (left) and Carey Holloway (right). Blake Streetman was not available for a picture.

EHS Students Make District VIII Honor Band

by Kimberly Ward
In mid January, 15 band students traveled to Troy to try out for the District VIII Honor Band.

The students arrived between eight and nine o'clock in the morning. They then went to warm-up and practiced their music and scales one last time.

The students then separately went to the assigned try-out rooms. After each student was finished, everyone gathered in the cafeteria to hear the results. The scores were announced and in the end, six students made it into the District VIII Honor Band.

The students were Wesley Kelley, Bethany Dye, Gunter Akridge, Kimberly Ward, Carla Roberts, and Katrina Farris. Gunter Akridge, Wesley Kelley, Katrina Farris, and Bethany Dye also made the All-State Band.

The District VIII Honor Band is usually held at the end of January in Eufaula, Ala. The honor band was canceled this year because of the bad weather. All-State will be held at a later date.

Congratulations to everyone.

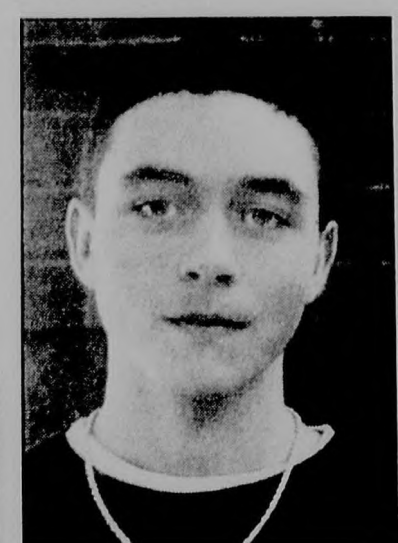


Pictured above (l-r) are: front row - Katrina Farris, Gunter Akridge, and Carla Roberts; back row - Bethany Dye, Wesley Kelley, and Kimberly Ward.

Elba Elementary School Menu February 21 - 25, 2000

BREAKFAST	LUNCH
Monday - President's Day Holiday	Monday - President's Day Holiday
Tuesday - Pancakes, Syrup, Cereal, Juice, Milk	Tuesday - Chicken Nuggets, Roll, Potato Salad, Green Beans, Sliced Peaches, Milk
Wednesday - Biscuit, Sausage, Cereal, Juice, Milk	Wednesday - Hamburger, French Fries, Lettuce, Tomato, Dill Pickles, Mashed Potatoes, Milk
Thursday - Cinnamon Toast, Applesauce, Cereal, Juice, Milk	Thursday - Turkey Wiggles, Roll, Whole Kernel Corn, Butterbeans, Sweet Potato Patty, Milk
Friday - Cheese Grits, Toast, Jelly, Cereal, Juice, Milk	Friday - Hoagie, Lettuce, Tomato, Dill Pickle, Potato Rounds, Cake w/ Peanut Butter Icing, Milk

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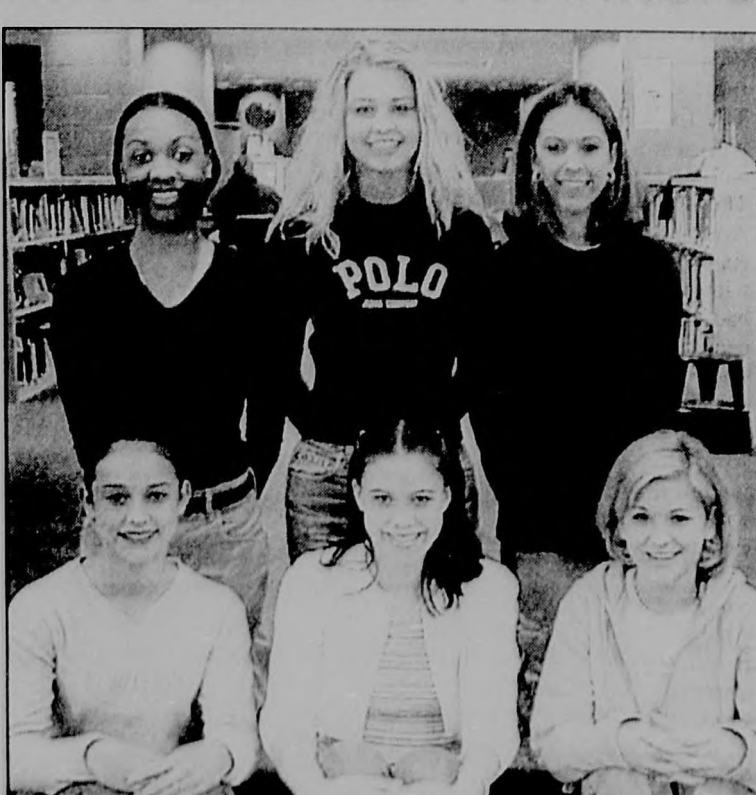
by Tiffany Farris
This week's student spotlight is Chad White. Chad is 17 years old and is a junior at Elba High School. He is the son of Tina Quiniana and Mickey White. Chad has one older brother that is 18, and his name is Brad White. Chad was born in Enterprise and raised in Elba, Ala. He also was raised in Clarksville, Tenn. Chad just recently came back to Elba High School this month. After high school he plans to major in business or internal business if he is able to learn foreign languages; however, he is not sure which college he will attend. His hobbies are spending time with his grandparents and "chillin'" with his friends. He enjoys the friendly atmosphere that is around him while walking down the halls at Elba High School the most. What makes him unique is that he is different from everyone because he says, "There is no one like me and that there is two kind of people in the world: the leaders and the followers. At this point I could not categorize myself in any of these groups. I guess that would make me unique and different from other people."

Meet Our Faculty

by Emily Qualls
This week's Meet our Faculty teacher is Mrs. Mandy Collins. Mrs. Collins graduated from Slocomb High School. She attended Enterprise State and then went to Troy State University. She majored in Biology and English education. She first started working at Arton, and she worked for 4 years. She now teaches at EHS where she has been for two years. She teaches seventh grade English and General Science. She is married to David Collins and has one son, Stone Collins, who is two years old. Mrs. Collins says that her favorite thing about EHS is the students.



Miss ELBALA Winners

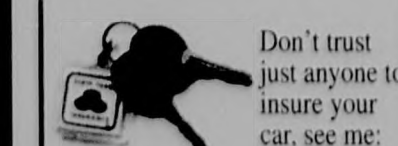


Pictured above (l-r) are: front row - Anna Anderson, Emily Paul, and Kaci Grantham; back row - Camrenda Coleman, Valerie Moore, and Lauren.

by Emily Qualls
On January 29, 2000, the Elba High School Journalism Staff sponsored the annual Miss Elbala pageants. The winners of each category were the following: Miss Elbala is Valerie Moore, 1st alternate is Camrenda Coleman, and 2nd alternate, as well as, Miss Congeniality is Lauren Moore. Junior Miss Elbala is Emily Paul, 1st alternate is Anna Anderson, and 2nd alternate is Kaci Grantham. Junior Miss Congeniality is Ashley Gibson. Little Miss Elbala is Whitney Kikrease. Miss Elbala is BreAnn Austin, 1st alternate is Courtney Rugg, and 2nd alternate is Kayla Nicole Parks. The EHS Journalism Staff would like to thank everyone who participated in the pageants, as well as, the entertainment and the guests.

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REBEL NEWS
Rachel Bryan, Sponsor

2000 District IV FBLA Conference Set for Phenix City, AL

Phenix City, Ala., is the site of the 2000 District IV Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) Conference. Approximately 50 students, teachers, and adult chaperones will be attending this meeting to be held on Saturday, Feb. 26.

In preparing for this meeting students have been selected to compete in several academic competitions. These students and their competitors are: Ceretha Towels, Accounting; Billy Wayne Nelson, Business Math; Mallorie Bedsole, Business Communications; Dewayne Davis, Business Law; Kristen Johns, Business Procedures; Stacey Cape, Computer Applications; Melissa Boyd, Computer Concepts; Ashley Wambles and Amanda Perry, Desktop Publishing; Mandy Green, Economics; Alan Sanders, Daphne Jirright, Kim Jordan, and David Eddins, Entrepreneurship; Jonah Edmondson, FBLA Principles and Procedures; Marlene Kerr, Information Processing Concepts; Brandon Arnold, Introduction to Business; Courtney Tracy, Introduction to Business Communications; Tacy Banks, Introduction to Parliamentary Procedure; Jessica Kelley, Job Interview; Kim McClain, Keyboarding Applications; Tara Grant, Ms FBLA; Morgan Hodge, Mexican Perry, Sarah Maddox, Heather Arnold, Heather Danley, and Kacy Clark, Parliamentary Procedures; and Kayla Eddins, Word Processing.

Rebel Band News

Dr. John M. Long Guest Conducts ZC Band

by Stacey Cape

Dr. John M. Long is dean of the School of Fine Arts Emeritus, Director of Bands Emeritus, and Distinguished Professor of Music. He is currently active as a guest conductor, speaker, clinician, and adjudicator throughout the United States, Europe, Canada, and Mexico.

Tuesday, Feb. 8, 2000, Dr. Long conducted the Zion Chapel Band during an after school rehearsal. The band worked with Dr. Long on music that will be performed at the District VIII Concert Band Contest Feb. 24. Dr. Long, after hearing the band play the music, gave comments to help the band in its performance.

Rebel Basketball News

by Ceretha Towels

ZC vs. New Brockton

On Thursday, February 3, 2000, the Zion Chapel Rebels played host to the New Brockton Gamecocks. The first game of the night was played by the two B-teams. The Rebels suffered a loss of 22-46. The top scorer for ZC was Brandon Arnold with 7 points, followed by Randall Brunson and Jon Sanders with 3 points. Sam Wambles also had 3 points and Michael Rayburn contributed 2 points.

The second game was the two varsity girls teams. The Rebels suffered another loss with the final score of 36-51. The leading scorer for the Rebels was Rebecca Kidd with 10 points, followed by Kayla Eddins with 9 points. Christie Roberts had 3 points; Morgan Hodge and Crystal Boyd each had 2 points for the Rebels. It was just not a night for the Zion Chapel Rebels. After the first two losses, the third and final game ended in with a score of ZC-56 NB-68. The highest scorer for ZC was Marcus Taylor with 23 points. Wes Bragg had 19 points, Josh McWaters had 12 points, and Jason Spear had 4 points.

ZC vs. Arton

On February 4, 2000, the Rebel Varsity teams traveled to Arton to face the Purple Cats. There were only two games and the Varsity Girls played first. The Rebels had a loss of 34-49. The leading scorer

for the Rebels was Rebecca Kidd with 11 points. Kayla Eddins had 6 points, Tara Grant, Morgan Hodge, and Mallorie Bedsole each had 4 points. Jessica Flowers and Kristie Hall each had 2 points, and Crystal Boyd completed a free-throw for one point.

The Rebel Varsity Boys finally saw a victory on this night against Arton. The final score was 56-49. The top scorer was Josh McWaters with 17 points. Marcus Taylor had 14 points, Wes Bragg had 12, and Alan Sanders had 8 points. Jason Spear contributed 3 points and Justin Prescott had 2 points.

On Monday, February 7, 2000, the Rebel B-team and Varsity boys team made the long journey to Paxton, Florida, to face the Bobcats. The B-team had a close but disappointing game, with the final score being 32-39. The leading scorer was Randall Brunson with 17 points. Randall Brunson was the next highest scorer with 8 points. Jonah Edmondson, Jon Sanders, and James Simmons each had 2 points. Michael Rayburn completed a free-throw for one point. The Varsity team had a disappointing loss also. The final score was 38-79. The highest scorer was Wes Bragg with 14 points. Marcus Taylor had 9 points and Josh McWaters had 6 points. Alan Sanders, Jason Spear, and Justin Prescott each had 3 points.

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Winners In Eighth Annual ZC Campus Beauty Pageant



Campus Beauty Tara Grant (center), a senior, is the daughter of Randy and Anita Grant. After high school Tara has plans to become a forensic pathologist.

Daphne Jirright (left) was first runner-up in the Campus Beauty Division. She is a senior and is the daughter of Jackie and Robert Jirright. After high school Daphne wants to attend Troy State University and major in sports management.

Second runner-up, Jessica Kelley (right) is a senior and is the daughter of Ronnie and Dawn Kelley. Her plans for the future are to study Interior Design.



Junior Beauty Mallorie Bedsole (center) is the daughter of Jerry and Jo Ann Bedsole. Mallorie is a junior and her future plans include a college degree in the field of journalism.

First runner-up in the Junior Beauty Division was Heather Danley (right), a junior, who is the daughter of Mark and Virginia Danley. Heather would like a career in the medical field.

Heather Golden (left) was the second runner-up in the Junior Beauty Division. She is a sophomore and the daughter of Rose and Wade Golden. After high school she would like to become a dermatologist. The University of Alabama at Birmingham is her choice for a place to pursue a degree.

Coffee County Schools Menu February 21 - 25, 2000

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Monday - President's Day Holiday	Monday - President's Day Holiday
Tuesday - Cheese Toast, Cereal, Juice, Milk	Tuesday - Burrito, Turkey Roast, Whole Potatoes, English Peas, Rolls, Fruit, Milk
Wednesday - Steak & Biscuit, Jelly, Cereal, Juice, Milk	Wednesday - Cheese Pizza, Red Beans & Sausage, Green Salad, Glazed Carrots, Rice, Milk
Thursday - Cheese Grits, Toast, Jelly, Cereal, Juice, Milk	Thursday - Oven Fried Chicken, Sloppy Joes, Creamed Potatoes, Butterbeans, Fruit, Milk
Friday - Biscuit, Sausage Gravy, Cereal, Juice, Milk	Friday - Steak Sandwich, Barbecue Sandwich, Cole Slaw, French Fries, Fruit, Milk

FFA Chapter News

by Kayla Eddins & Rebecca Kidd

President Dan Johnson called the regular monthly meeting of the FFA to order on January 27, 2000.

The president discussed many items of business and one of them was the December cookout which he described as "a great success." Another item he discussed was to report that the FFA t-shirts are now available. President Johnson then called on other officers and members to give reports.

Justin Prescott described the design of the new t-shirt and gave the colors available.

Wes Bragg gave his April date for the County and District contests. He reminded the members who are participating to begin their preparations. Zion Chapel will compete in Parliamentary Procedure, Public Speaking, and Tractor Driving as well as several others.

State FFA Degrees, FFA Week, and the FFA banquet were items of new business on the agenda.

The meeting was adjourned after the officers conducted the closing ceremonies.

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Brooke Stinson (center) was named Elementary Beauty, first runner-up was Summer Parker (left), and second runner-up was Courtney Grant (right).

Brooke is the daughter of Sharon and Dale Stinson. She is in the fourth grade. Summer is the daughter of Greg and Suzanne Parker and is also in the fourth grade. Courtney, another fourth grader, is the daughter of Wayne and Melissa Grant.



Erika Mount (center), the daughter of Dwight and Suzie Mount, was named Little Miss Beauty. She is a second grader. The first runner-up in the Little Miss category was Kelli Behrens (right), the daughter of Donna Arnold. She is in the first grade. Second runner-up was Breanna Nelson (left), the daughter of Deana Nelson. She is in Kindergarten.



Beta Club Candy Fundraiser

by Jessica Kelley

On January 27, 2000, the Zion Chapel Senior Beta Club started their fund raising activity to help provide funds for the state convention, Thursday-Saturday, March 9-11, in Birmingham, Ala.

The fund raiser for this year is candy sales. It will last for the next few weeks; no exact deadline has been set. The money raised by the activity will go toward room and registration fees for the conference. This year only the junior and senior members of the club will be attending, but all members are participating in the candy sales. Although the freshmen and sophomores will not be going, they will be rewarded for helping their fellow members. Any money that is not spent will be put into the club account for next year's convention.

During the Beta Club meeting on January 25, the members going to the state convention decided on their competitors. Some of the competitors that Zion Chapel will have competitors in are: academics, art, poetry, creative writing, scrapbook, and talent. Along with the members of the club will be attending the meetings, dances, and awards ceremonies.

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THE PRESSBOX

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

Since moving out in the country we have begun putting the girls' Boston Bull Terrier out in a pen every evening when we head out to work and school, and last week we decided to put the cats in the pen to keep him company. We knew the cats would have no problem climbing over the fence and rambling around in the woods. However, so far the cats have apparently enjoyed the pen and the spacious dog house, since all three are always in the dog house when we get home, maybe it's the food and water inside the fence, or maybe the animals get along better than we thought. Oh well, it just seemed strange to me!

NOTES IN PASSING....

*** The Elba Tigers improved their record to 22-4 last week with wins over New Brockton and Sloccomb, and closed out the regular season ranked fourth in the state in Class 3A. The Tigers opened the week with a big road win over New Brockton, and in doing so defeated the Gamecocks on their own home court for the second time this season. The game wasn't a high scoring affair, but both teams played hard on both ends of the court for all four quarters, and at the final buzzer it was Elba that celebrated the win and took the season series with its cross-county neighbors 2-1. The Tigers followed up the regular season win with a big 74-64 win over Sloccomb in the opening round of the Area 3 tournament. The Tigers jumped out on top early, and although they could never put the pesky Red Tops away, were in no trouble at anytime in the game. Elba's Tim Ware and Wayne Reed both had big nights in the wins, while junior Brandon Salter, subbing for injured Monroe Williams, also turned in solid games in the Tigers' two road wins. Elba has been one of the state's top teams all season, and maybe now the Tigers will turn it up a notch and make a drive to be the very best!

*** The Elba Lady Tigers closed out the regular season with a big win over New Brockton and then defeated Clayton in the opening round of the area tournament to move their record to 13-13 and earn a spot in the sub-regional action later this week. The Lady Tigers work as hard as any team in the state, regardless of class, and it is their conditioning that has paid off late in the season as the Lady Tigers seem to simply have more gas left in their tanks than many of the other teams after having played over 20 games. Elba's girls may not be the most fun team in the state to watch, but they do what it takes to win and always make their opponents play their style of play. Keep it up girls, the best is yet to come!

*** The area tournaments swung into action last week, with New Brockton and Brantley claiming wins, and Zion Chapel and Kinston seeing their seasons come to an end. The Gamecocks had no problem disposing of lowly Georgiana in its opening round game, while the Lady Gamecocks upset Straughn and assured themselves of an appearance in the sub-regional level of play. Brantley paid J.U. Blacksher back for two regular season losses by claiming a big 20-point win, and the Lady Bulldogs also advanced and continued to make noise up in Crenshaw County. Zion Chapel had a tough draw in both tournaments, and were no match as the Rebels were blown out by top-seeded Houston Academy and the Lady Rebels were no match for G.W. Long. The same was true for Kinston, as the Bulldogs fell in the opening round to Wickburg, and the Lady Bulldogs saw their season end with a lopsided loss to highly-ranked Geneva County. With both the Brantley and New Brockton boys and girls having at least two more games left in the post-season party, area fans are assured of at least another week of basketball action.

*** I referred last weekend in the area tournaments down in Fruitdale and Midway, and was definitely somewhere I had never been before. It took over three hours to get to both schools, and as we got close to the schools we got on small county roads that were barely wide enough for two cars to pass each other. We were so far back in the woods that we even passed a sign that was advertising "Raccoon meat for sale." The schools treated us great and the games went along without a hitch, but the next time I take the court I hope it isn't quite so far away, and not so far in the woods.

*** The high school softball season is already here, or it is at least as far as junior varsity games are concerned. The Kinston and New Brockton JV's played last week down in Kinston, while this week the newly-formed Zion Chapel JV's will make their debut at Haskins-Williams Park. The high school teams won't swing into action until later in the month. However, the bats are already being swung all across the state and the season is here. Need to get outside and soak up some fresh air and sunshine? C'mon out to one of the parks and watch these youngsters in action. They will play hard and you can get loud with your support!

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Claim second win of season over New Brockton

Tigers battle past Gamecocks 47-37

The Elba Tigers pulled ahead early and never looked back last Tuesday night as they closed out the regular season with a big 47-37 win over the New Brockton Gamecocks, in New Brockton.

The win upped the Tigers' record to 22-4, while the Gamecocks slipped to 20-8 with the loss.

Elba came out determined to get a measure of revenge against their cross-county rivals for an earlier loss to the Gamecocks on the Tigers' home court, and behind the inside play of Tim Ware, Wayne Reed and Brandon Salter jumped out to a 16-9 first quarter advantage.

Ware scored nine points in the second stanza as the Tigers upped their lead to 27-15 by the end of the half, while Ware and Salter continued to dominate the Gamecocks inside in the third quarter as Elba remained in command and carried a 36-22 advantage into the final quarter of play.

New Brockton picked up the pace in the fourth quarter and made a mild rally behind the play of Pate Harrison, but the Tigers were never threatened and easily held on to post the 47-37 win.

Tim Ware scored 26 points and Wayne Reed added 9 to lead Elba, while Kellen Cole scored 14 for the Gamecocks and Pate Harrison added 11.

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Elba Tigers ranked 4th in final prep basketball poll of season

The Alabama Sports Writers Association released its final high school basketball poll of the season last week, with the Elba Tigers leading the way for three area teams by claiming the #4 spot in the Class 3A standings.

The Brantley Bulldogs closed out the regular season ranked 5th in Class 1A, while the New Brockton Gamecocks ended the regular season ranked 9th in Class 2A.

Following are the complete final regular season standings in all six classes for both boys and girls:

BOYS

CLASS 6A - 1 LeFlore (22-2), 2 Tuscaloosa Central (22-1), 3 Sidney Lanier (24-2), 4 Huntsville Lee (24-4), 5 Davidson (20-4), 6 Woodland (25-6), 7 Auburn (21-6), 8 Butler (19-6), 9 Minor (17-6), 10 Vestavia Hills (20-8).

CLASS 5A - 1 Fort Payne (29-0), 2 Blount (22-1), 3 John Carroll Catholic (22-2), 4 Shelby County (24-1), 5 Wilcox Central (22-3), 6 Monroe County (24-3), 7 Gardendale (25-4), 8 B.C. Rain (19-5), 9 Russellville (23-3).

CLASS 4A - 1 Sumter County (23-2), 2 Central Coosa (20-2), 3 Alexandria (18-3), 4 Winfield (24-3), 5 Abbeville (21-6), 6 Saint Paul (24-4), 7 Childersburg (19-7), 8 Dora (19-9), 9 Brooks (20-7) and Headland (20-7).

CLASS 3A - 1 Washington County (21-3), 2 Francis Marion (18-7), 3 Springville (21-3), 4 Elba (21-4), 5 Crossville (23-5), 6 Goshen (16-5), 7 Lincoln (12-2), 8 Clayton (14-8), 9 Danville (18-8), 10 Phil Campbell (17-7).

CLASS 2A - 1 Geneva County (17-3), 2 Lineville (18-4), 3 Mars Hill Bible (23-5), 4 Tanner (21-6), 5 Belgreen (23-4), 6 J.F. Shields (20-6), 7 Montgomery County (19-7), 8 Calera (17-8), 9 New Brockton (20-8), 10 Gaston (19-7).

CLASS 1A - 1 Courtland (23-3), 2 Pleasant Home (22-4), 3 Saint Jude (17-8), 4 Houston Academy (20-5), 5 Brantley (14-6), 6 Decatur Heritage (24-4), 7 Loachapoka (16-7), 8 Akron (17-7), 9 Saint Bernard (23-5), 10 Collinsville (20-5).

GIRLS

CLASS 6A - 1 Decatur (27-0), 2 Hoover (24-1), 3 Huffman (24-3), 4 Butler (23-3), 5 Oxford (21-0), 6 Vestavia Hills (24-4), 7 Wenonah (23-4), 8 LeFlore (22-5), 9 Dothan (15-2), 10 Baldwin County (22-5).

CLASS 5A - 1 Fairfield (28-1), 2 Andalusia (21-2), 3 Boaz (25-1), 4 Erwin (24-1), 5 B.T. Washington (21-3), 6 Hazel Green (24-5), 7 Athens (21-9), 8 B.C. Rain (21-6), 9 Hartselle (20-6), 10 Buckhorn (18-8).

CLASS 4A - 1 Lawrence County (21-3), 2 Deshler (25-3), 3 Geneva (22-4), 4 Sumter County (18-2), 5 Cherokee County (22-5), 6 Headland (21-6), 7 Guntersville (20-7), 8 Saint Paul (20-6), 9 West Point (21-8), 10 T.R. Miller (17-8).

CLASS 3A - 1 R.C. Hatch (24-0), 2 Calhoun (23-2), 3 UMS Wright (29-2), 4 Sulligent (23-4), 5 Ashville (19-1), 6 Lauderdale County (24-4), 7 Montgomery Academy (19-5), 8 Lexington (21-6), 9 Hanceville (17-5), 10 McIntosh (20-2).

CLASS 2A - 1 Cold Springs (22-3), 2 Red Bay (18-3), 3 Fayette (25-4), 4 Tanner (22-7), 5 Lineville (16-1), 6 Marion County (19-6), 7 Belgreen (17-5), 8 Geraldine (19-8), 9 Southern Choctaw (13-3), 10 Oakman (16-3).

CLASS 1A - 1 Autaugusville (17-2), 2 Spring Garden (26-2), 3 Carrollton (22-5), 4 Sunshine (17-5), 5 Loachapoka (16-2), 6 Speake (20-4), 7 Saint Bernard (20-6), 8 G.W. Long (20-5), 9 Houston Academy (20-5), 10 Westminster (17-6).

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Elba (47): Hill 2, Reed 10, Salter 9, Ware 26.

N.B. (37): Flowers 4, Jones 3, McKenzie 1, Cole 14, Harrison 11, Toole 2.

B GAME

The Elba B team closed out its season with a 14-4 record as they defeated New Brockton 46-35, in New Brockton.

The Tigers jumped out to an early 10-7 lead behind the outside shooting of Kyle English, and went in at the half with a 21-20 advantage, thanks in large part to a 14-point first outburst by English.

New Brockton rallied in the third quarter to take a 31-27 advantage. However, the Tigers, sparked by the three-point shooting of Bart Barnes and Zel Daniels, outscored the Gamecocks 19-4 in the final stanza to rally and post the 46-35 win.

Kyle English scored 14 points and Marcus Henderson added 11 to lead the Tigers, while Slawson and Roberts both scored 9 points for New Brockton.

Elba (46): Skinner 2, Barnes 8, Daniels 5, English 14, Curran 2, Henderson 11, Brooks 2, Andrews 4.

N.B. (35): Kinsaul 5, Roberts 9, Williams 4, Danford 6, Slawson 9, Foster 2.



Elba's Wayne Reed (22) goes high for a rebound in recent Tiger action. Reed and the Tigers will try to earn a berth in next week's Southeast Regional Tournament this week when they compete in sub-regional play. The Tigers upped their record to 23-4 last week with two big wins on the road.

Elba eases past Sloccomb in tournament opener 74-64

The Elba Tigers moved into the finals of the Class 3A, Area 3 basketball tournament Saturday night by posting a 74-64 win over the Sloccomb Red Tops, in Clayton.

The win improved Elba's record to 23-4 and moved the Tigers into the tournament championship, while Sloccomb saw its season come to an end with a final record of 6-16.

The Tigers came out ready to play in the tournament opener and burned the Red Tops from the opening tip as Wayne Reed and Sammy Hill combined for three three-pointers, and Tim Ware and Brandon Salter scored inside to spark Elba to a 19-10 first quarter lead.

The pace of the game quickened in the second stanza; however, as the Tigers easily kept pace and continued to score from everywhere on the court as Josh Lawford, Wayne Reed and Tim Ware all nailed long three-pointers, and Elba went in at the half with a commanding 42-28 advantage.

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Elba (74): Hill 8, Lawford 3, Coleman 3, Reed 21, Salter 5, Dubose 2, Ware 33.

Sloccomb (64): Parks 9, Moore 2, Dawkins 14, Roy 8, Miles 25, Williams 6.

Lady Tigers advance with 48-38 win over Clayton

The Elba Lady Tigers continued their late-season surge Friday night as they rallied late to down the Clayton Lady Tigers 48-38, in the opening round of the Class 3A, Area 3 basketball tournament, in Sloccomb.

The win upped the Lady Tigers' record to 13-13 and moved them into the championship round of the tournament, while Clayton ended its season with a 7-15 record.

The Lady Tigers fell behind 4-0 early in the game, but staged a rally behind the inside play of Roshanda McKinnon and Rachel Bludsworth and went on a 14-2 run to stun Clayton and grab a 14-6 advantage midway through the second quarter.

Clayton staged a rally of its own in the stanza and scored the final eight points of the half to pull even at 16-16 at intermission.

The Lady Tigers pulled back in front early in the third quarter and

carried a 27-26 lead into the final stanza, only to see Clayton score the first three baskets of the fourth quarter and regain the lead at 36-35.

Elba picked up its intensity on defense following the Clayton rally, however, and sparked by the play of LaGina Mack, Roshanda McKinnon and Rachel Bludsworth, took complete command down the stretch and outscored Clayton 12-3 over the final 4:31 to pull away and post the big win.

Rachel Bludsworth and LaGina Mack both scored 12 points to lead Elba, while Roshanda McKinnon added 10 points and Vaughan Boyd pulled down 16 rebounds. Shana Taylor led Clayton with 10 points.

The win assured the Lady Tigers a berth in this week's sub-regional round, with the site yet to be determined.

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SPORTS

Elba's Tim Ware nominated for state prep basketball "Player of the Year"

Elba standout Tim Ware was one of 42 finalists nominated last week for the American General/Alabama Sports Writers Association "Alabama High School Player of the Year" honor.

Ware, a 6-foot-6, 190-pound power forward for the 23-4 Elba Tigers, averaged 23.5 points per game during the regular season, and scored at a 27.8 per game clip the final 10 games. The talented Tiger senior was also one of South Alabama's biggest fan favorites with his high-flying assortment of slam dunks, and also averaged over 12 rebounds a game, while connecting on 70 percent of his free-throw opportunities.

Twenty-one boys and twenty-one girls, three finalists in each of the six classifications of the AHSAA and three each in the AISA/Independent division, will attend a noon banquet on Feb. 28 at the Sheraton Civic Center, in Birmingham, where the American General "Players of the Year" will be announced.

From the nominees, the ASWA "Mr. Basketball" and "Miss Basketball" winners will also be announced.

Other area players included among the nominees are (5A) Kareem Johnson, of Eufula, (2A) Lynore Garrett, of Cottonwood; (2A) Lushers Lane, of Geneva County and (1A) Demario Wiley, of Brantley.

Cavs and Celtics keep on winning

in youth basketball league action

The Elba Youth Basketball League, sponsored by the Elba Department of Parks and Recreation, continued its season last week with plenty of action in each and every game.

Following are highlights of last week's action:

BOYS 8 AND UNDER

*** HEAT 12 HAWKS 8 - The Heat pulled ahead early and held on to down the Hawks 12-8. The Heat jumped out to an 8-2 halftime lead and held on late to post the win. Scoring for the Heat were Richard Cooks 8, Tyrease Daniels 2 and April Finegold 2. Scoring for the Hawks were Kareem Siler 2, Taylor Cotton 2, Trey Belcher 2 and Kendall Chappell 2.

*** CELTICS 25 PACERS 0 - The Celtics jumped ahead early and pulled away late to blank the Pacers 25-0. The Celtics led only 4-0 after one quarter, but slowly added to their lead and rolled to the win. Scoring for the Celtics were Gavin Flowers 7, Jordani McBrayer 5, Bradley Wilson 4, Jason Mitchell 4 and Keenan Phillips 3.

GIRLS 10 AND UNDER

*** OPP 16 ROCKERS 2 - Opp pulled ahead early and rolled to a 16-2 win over the Rockers. Opp owned an 8-0 halftime lead and never looked back to claim the big win. Scoring for Opp were Adriana Schofield 14 and Ashley Anderson 2. Scoring for the Rockers were Sydney Brunson 2.

*** MYSTICS 12 ROCKERS 8 - The Mystics scored the final four points of the game to claim a wild 12-8 win over the Rockers. The score was tied at 6-6 at the half and 8-8 after three quarters, but the Mystics scored late to claim the win. Scoring for the Mystics were Kristen Parker 6, Whitney Sasser 4 and Tierney Starks 2. Scoring for the Rockers were Brittany Caldwell 2, Brandy Caldwell 2, Tiffany Johnson 2 and Kayla Kyser 2.

BOYS 12 AND UNDER

*** CLIPPERS 28 OPP 18 - The Clippers staged a furious fourth quarter rally to outscore Opp 28-18. The Clippers rallied from a 10-4 halftime deficit to pull within 16-14 after three quarters, then poured in 14 fourth quarter points to pull out the exciting win. Scoring for the Clippers were Stefan Burks 8, Ron Hill 6, Andrew Stoudermeier 6, Chase Graham 4 and Reymar Rogers 4. Scoring for Opp were Chris Madden 4, Marcus Hines 4, Stephen Hartzog 4, Cory Cain 2, Ronnie Bryant 2 and Andrew Showalter 2.

GIRLS 12 AND UNDER

*** SHOCK 11 SPARKS 8 - The Shock pulled ahead early and held on late to down the Sparks 11-8. The Shock jumped out to an 8-0 lead in the third quarter, but had to turn back a late Sparks rally to escape with the win. Scoring for the Shock were Stephanie Baxley 5, Elena McCormick 5 and Whitney Lawford 1. Scoring for the Sparks were Amanda Pope 4, Ashleigh Waddall 2 and Becky Stinson 2.

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Elba's Tim Ware (42)

Dothan Tigers prove too much for New Brockton

The New Brockton Gamecocks stepped up four classifications last Monday night to challenge the 6A Dothan Tigers and saw a gallant second half rally fall short as the Tigers escaped with a hard fought 55-46 win.

The Tigers used their size inside to dominate the action for much of the opening three quarters and owned a 40-24 lead midway through the third quarter, only to see the Gamecocks rally and go on an 11-1 run to cut the deficit to 41-35 with 6:08 remaining in the game.

New Brockton trailed only 48-41 with two minutes remaining after a pair of free-throws by Pate Harrison.

however, the Gamecocks connected on only 2 of 12 shots from the floor the remainder of the game, and Dothan went 6 for 10 from the free-throw line over the final two minutes to ice the 55-46 win. Kellen Cole scored 22 points to lead New Brockton, while Pate Harrison and Jason McKenzie scored 8 points apiece. Daniel Dawsey led four Dothan players in double figures with 14 points.

In girls action, the New Brockton Lady Gamecocks were simply no match for the highly-ranked Dothan Lady Tigers as they fell 61-21. Kim McGriff scored 14 points to lead (15-3) Dothan.

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***Thinking of you, praying for you: The Porter family, Alice Blue, Rena Fulton, Mary E. Holley, Ernestine Holley, Patsy Chandler, Lovie Hooks, Jana Kelley, Butus Tills Jr.

***February Birthdays: Willie English, Feb. 8; Napelen Tills, Feb. 10; Wiley Brooks, Feb. 12; Scottie Tills, Feb. 14; Eddie M. Tyson, Feb. 15 (In Memory Of); Marie Tills, Feb. 18; Butus Tills Jr., Feb. 20.

***Annual Lay Day Program at Shady Grove A.M.E. Church of Elba will be Feb. 20 at 3 p.m. The speaker will be Joe Smith, St. Stephen A.M.E. Church in Opp, Ala.

***Youth Department of Rocky Head MB Church of Elba will have a skating party at the Opp Skating Rink on Friday, Feb. 18, from 5-8:30 p.m. Admission will be \$1. All kids are invited. Please sign up by Wed. Feb. 16 at Bible Study.

***104th Church Anniversary of Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church in the Tarentum Community of Brundidge will be Feb. 20 at 2 p.m. The speaker will be Rev. Peter Carter, pastor of Benevolent Grove of Troy and Jordan Grove of Seaght.

***February is Black History Month.



Clarence Franklin

A Leader of the Present and Future Service Award

Clarence Franklin of Birmingham will be presented the Whitney M. Young Jr. Service Award by the Greater Alabama Council - Boy Scouts of America, on Feb. 22 at 6 p.m. at the Alabama Power Corporate Headquarters Auditorium, 600 North 18th Street, Birmingham.

Mr. Franklin has 26 years of service with Bell South in Birmingham. He is the manager of the Document Management and Document Technology Infrastructure. He received his Bachelor of Science degree from Tuskegee Institute in Tuskegee, Ala. Clarence had many honors and awards while at Tuskegee, including being a Dean's List graduate and Tau Beta Pi National Engineering Honor Soci-

ety. He also participated in the Cooperative Education Program with South Central Bell Telephone Company in Montgomery. His community activities Scoutmaster for 12 years, treasurer and committee member of Troop 415 and Pack 415 for twelve years, executive board member for Greater Alabama Council BSA, District Award of Merit Recipient and Silver Beaver Award Recipient. Clarence is PTO Executive Board Member for Alabama School of Fine Arts and a Junior Achievement Volunteer.

Clarence is a member of Sixth Avenue Baptist Church. He has served as a member of the board of trustees, evangelism committee, his ministry and is a member of the deacon board. Clarence has served as chapter secretary, chapter vice president and chapter Outstanding Man of the Year of the Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. Clarence is married to Barbara and they have two children, Monica and Clarence Anthony. His parents are Estelle Franklin and the late Isaiah Franklin Sr. of Montgomery.

God Bless You, Clarence.

***Don't sit and wait for opportunities to come, you have to get up and make them. — Madame C.J. Walker, entrepreneur and the nation's first female African American millionaire.

Today is a good day, be grateful! — Eria

Area students on Dean's list at University of AL

A total of 2,581 students enrolled during the fall 1999 term at The University of Alabama made the Dean's List with academic records of 3.50 or above; or the President's List with academic records of 4.0. Local students being recognized were: Bonnie Louise Devaughn, New Brockton, Anna Katharine Stokes, Elba; Patrick Daren Blackmon, Chad Wesley Bryan and Erica Suzanne Warwick, all of Brantley.

NEWS AMONG OUR SERVICE FOLKS

PVT. JEFFERY M. WIGGINS

Army Reserve Pvt. Jeffery M. Wiggins has entered basic military training at Fort Jackson, Columbia, S.C.

Wiggins is the son of Francis M. Wiggins of RR 1, New Brockton.

Alcoholics Anonymous meeting to begin in Elba Tuesday, March 7, at 8 p.m. continuing indefinitely on every Tuesday night at 8 p.m. at the United Methodist Church, corner of Claxton and Davis (Hwy. 84). Meeting will be held in the Choir Room. For further information, call the church office at 897-2219 or Patti B. at 897-6918.

Getting baby ready for solid foods

Susan Taylor
County Extension Agent/NEP

Most babies are ready to start solid food between four and six months of age, but this can vary depending on the baby's development. Infants have to be able to use their tongue to push food toward the back of their mouth for swallowing.

But there are some signs that are good indicators babies are ready to add a little variety into their diets. First, your baby can sit with little support. The baby can support his or her head and may even be able to lift the upper body alone when lying on the stomach. Also, the baby can turn the head or body away from you to signal he or she has had enough.

Showing an interest in foods the rest of the family is eating is another sign of babies' progress. Babies ready for solids may lean toward people who are eating and may open their mouth as if to say, "I want a bite." Your baby doesn't try to force food into the mouth with the tongue. The baby can now move foods to the back of the throat with the tongue. If your baby's weight has doubled since birth, this is another good sign that baby is ready to try solid foods. If the baby nurses eight or more times a day or drinks more than 32 ounces of infant formula a day, these are both signs to try your baby on solid foods.

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Faith Dewberry celebrates third birthday

Faith Dewberry of Jack celebrated her third birthday on Jan. 13, 2000.

Faith is the daughter of Chris and Shae (Oglesby) Dewberry of Jack. She has one sister, Haleigh Elizabeth, and two brothers, Steve and Tonda Dewberry of Jack; Patricia Booth of New Hope; and Terry and Judy Oglesby of Jack. Great-grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Ed Smith of New Hope and Mr. and Mrs. James Skinner of Elba.

Faith celebrated her birthday with a party at her home.

Helping Faith celebrate were: Nana and Papa Oglesby, Papa Steve and Mrs. Tonda, Granny Patricia, Max-Maw and Paw Paw Ed, Granddaddy Skinner, Uncle Jimmy, Kendra, Carol Ann, Samie and Wendy Lee, Dillon, Aspen, Phillip and Jennifer Maulden, Mrs. Janet and Faith Smart, Kevin Maddox, Mama, Daddy and Haleigh.



Faith & Haleigh Dewberry

NEW ARRIVAL

HALEIGH ELIZABETH DEWBERRY

Chris and Shae Dewberry of Jack announce the birth of their daughter, Haleigh Elizabeth.

Haleigh was born on Dec. 13, 1999. She weighed 6 lbs. 4 oz. and was 18 1/2" long.

Grandparents are Terry and Judy Oglesby of Jack; Steve and Tonda Dewberry of Jack; and Patricia Booth of New Hope. Great-grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Ed Smith of New Hope and Mr. and Mrs. James Skinner of Elba.

Haleigh was welcomed home by her big sister, Faith.

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Bozeman planted the winning entry on 40 acres in fields grown to corn in 1998. He planted the crop into 36-inch rows using a John Deere 7300 MaxEmerge II 4-row planter at a rate of 28,586 seeds per acre. He used a John Deere 4420 combine to harvest the winning plot on Aug. 30, 1999.

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Area News

Sen. Holley and Rep. Carothers honored for their leadership

Recently, Representative Joe Carothers and Senator Jimmy Holley were honored for their leadership in the Alabama Legislature where they passed legislation directed at solving some of the problems facing the senior citizens of the State of Alabama. The ceremony took place in Dothan where State Treasurer Lucy Baxley, the state spokesperson for the Senior Promise, and many other dignitaries gathered to thank these legislators. Mr. Baxley presented plaques on behalf of all the seniors of the State of Alabama declaring Rep. Carothers and Sen. Holley to be "their champions for the new millennium." During the 1999 regular and special sessions of the Alabama State Legislature, Rep. Carothers and Sen. Holley emerged as the leaders who pressed the Legislature to give senior citizens the respect and attention needed to resolve their problems. Problems such as: 25,000 seniors on waiting list for meals, the lack of funding for medications, poor transportation, and

inadequate senior centers. Through persistence they created the Senior Service Trust Fund. Two million

dollars will be deposited in this fund for the next 25 years, allowing for long range planning to take care

of services for the fastest growing segment of our population. Also, Rep. Carothers and Sen. Holley passed a \$500,000 supplemental appropriation to cover increased meal cost. This was the first time the Commission on Aging budget has been increased in 13 years. The creation of the Senior Promise Program was also credited to Rep. Carothers and Sen. Holley. The Senior Promise Program is a statewide effort to bring about awareness of the plight of senior citizens in the State of Alabama and the development of plans to provide much needed services.



Pictured from left to right: Rep. Joe Carothers, State Treasurer Lucy Baxley and Senator Jimmy Holley.

Have a Safe & Happy...



Who says co-ops don't pay taxes? Covington Electric Cooperative, a local member-owned electric distribution cooperative, paid more than \$2.2 million in local, state and federal taxes in 1999. This included more than \$270,000 in franchise taxes paid to 13 municipalities in which CEC has facilities and \$266,742 in property taxes in six counties. CEC General Manager Ed Short (left) is shown above presenting a check for \$24,692.54 to Elba City Clerk Don Morrow (right) for 2000 licensing taxes.

Inmates provide more than 1,200 hours of service

During the month of January, inmates at the Elba Work Release facility of the Department of Corrections posted over 1,200 hours of service for area agencies.

A total of 154 inmates worked for 1,232 hours on various projects for 11 agencies, according to information released by Dewayne Estes, warden of the Elba Work Release facility.

Agencies requesting assistance from the work release were: the City of Elba, Elba Recycling, Coffee County, Elba Police Department, Elba National Guard, Elba Recreation Department, Town of Kinston, Daleville National Guard, City of Daleville, Enterprise National Guard and Alabama Forestry.

Of the 154 inmates, 30 of them worked on general labor projects for the City of Elba and Elba Recycling while 15 inmates helped the City of Daleville with its labor projects.

The National Guards of Elba, Enterprise and Daleville were assisted by 34 inmates on cleaning and maintenance projects. Six inmates assisted the Elba Recreation Dept. with cleaning projects, 10 inmates washed cars for the Elba Police Dept., another 10 inmates helped with garbage pick-up in the Town of Kinston and 13 inmates helped clean state property for Alabama Forestry.

The remaining 36 inmates of the 154 were used by Coffee County for road maintenance projects. According to Estes, the 1,232 hours of service provided by the 154 work release inmates equaled a total dollar value of \$6,344.80 for the month of January, 2000.

AARP offers tax-aid service for persons age 60 and over

Tax-Aide Volunteers are at the Elba Sr. Center every Thursday until April 17 to prepare income tax returns for those age 60 or older. Call 897-3019 today and make an appointment to get your income tax prepared free and e-filed. The Elba Sr. Center is one of 18 tax sites in Alabama using computers and professional tax software to prepare taxes. Two IRS trained tax counselors are available to assist you.

- AARP Tax-Aide is...
 - A free, quality service supported by friendly people in your neighborhood;
 - A service which prepares tax returns and answers tax questions;
 - 31,000+ dedicated and proud IRS-trained and certified volunteers;
 - A confidential service;
 - A non-profit program;
 - An AARP Foundation program and part of the National Community Service Programs Group;
 - Available to those 60 or older.
- The program is available from Feb. 1 - April 15 each year. During the off-season, the program continues to provide on-line tax counseling and trains the volunteer cadre for the upcoming season.

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OTHER OPERATIONS PRESENTLY PERFORMED IN THE ELBA PLANT TO REMAIN

Kleinert's Inc. of Alabama decides to produce all good offshore

Kleinert's Incorporated of Alabama, a leader in the manufacture of quality children's apparel, announced Tuesday that it is cutting back on its sewing operation in the Elba plant.

After thirty years of manufacturing children's apparel in Elba, company officials have made the decision to produce all goods offshore. Officials stated, "With the continued competition from Gerber,

Carter and others, who heavily utilize imported goods causing extreme price pressure on Kleinert's, we are faced with an

remaining and packing production out of Elba in an effort to maintain costs acceptable to our customers.

"Our plan is to keep the existing sewing and packing in Elba for the next 60 calendar days and shut down these operations sometime between April 21, 2000 and May 5, 2000. This will involve approximately one hundred employees."

No change is expected in the cutting, screen print embroidery, shipping, dress and garment shield or other related departments.

According to company officials, a major lay-off which combined with normal turnover resulted in a net decrease of approximately 100 individuals.

Company officials stated in the November release that it was their intention to maintain a full work force at the Elba facility of between 400 to 500 employees; however this seems to be changing. Kleinert's, one of the country's largest and oldest manufacturer of children's wear - founded in 1869 and based in Plymouth Meeting, Pa., proudly sells under the Baby-Gro, Buster Brown and various other labels.

Stiffer law in the making against making bomb threats

The members of the Alabama House Judiciary Committee sent a message to pranksters that false bomb threats have to stop.

The proposal will strengthen the penalty for crimes relating to false bomb threats, increasing it from a misdemeanor to a Class C felony that carries a sentence of up to ten years in prison.

"A school official's only option is to evacuate the school when a bomb threat is made," said State Representative Howard Hawk (D-Arab), sponsor of the bill. "This wastes class time and emergency personnel time, not to mention the sense of insecurity and danger felt by the students."

Reports of violence on school campuses have risen dramatically over recent years - both nationally

and here in Alabama. Several school systems have fallen victim to these prank calls, Cullman and Mobile especially, with more than three each in the past year.

"When a threat is made, the school administrator must take it seriously," comments Rep. Terry Spicer (D-Elba). "Our children need a safe environment where they can learn and teachers can teach."

The proposal has earned endorsements by the Alabama District Attorney Association and Governor Don Siegelman. The Governor mentioned the proposal in his State of the State Address earlier this month. He has made several appearances around the state garnering support for the measure.

BLACK HISTORY month

This week's focus is on Henry Terry.

Henry Terry, born in Elba, Ala. on Dec. 14, 1963, the son of the late Ms. Annie Jo Terry, is a pianist, conductor and an educator. He is a graduate of Elba High School. As a student in the public schools of Elba, Terry studied piano with local instructors, Gladys Yelverton, Annie Glen Tilton, Poncy Collier, and Lois Holt. After high school, Terry attended Enterprise State Junior College and studied piano with Elisabeth Donaldson, Dr. Barbara Voss Smith and Dr. Patty Muller.

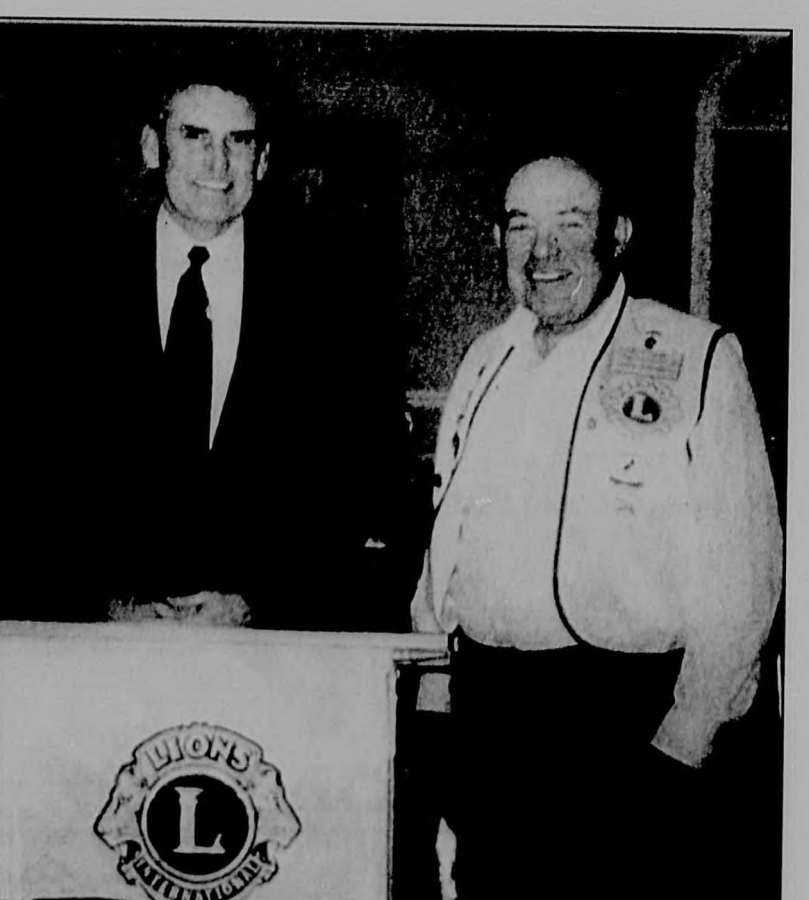
Terry is a graduate of Alabama State University where he earned the Bachelor of Arts degree in music and the Master of music education. While attending ASU, Terry was afforded the opportunity to study piano and choral conducting with Dr. Kay Pace.

In 1990, he was sought and invited to teach class piano and music theory at the Carver Creative and Performing Arts Center in Montgomery. In 1991, the principal of Carver High School challenged Terry with the task of rebuilding the almost defunct choral music program. The choral music department at Carver High School had a

majority of the tax dollars used by the federal government.

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PROBATE UPDATE...given to Elba Lions Club by Coffee County Probate Judge William O. Gammill, Judge Gammill, at the last Lions' meeting, gave members a brief overview of STARS (Synchronized Tag & Registration System) and how its implementation has affected county citizens. He explained that taxes on automobiles are now paid in advance whereas in the past they were paid at year's end. In order to do this, all 1999 taxes on automobiles were forgiven (not collected) in order to allow all taxpayers to be treated equally. He also noted that liability insurance on all automobiles is now mandatory - not optional. Also, Judge Gammill told Lions that it is in the works to simplify the assessment of automobiles for the purpose of taxing them. On a closing note, the judge commented that he would be seeking re-election in 2000. He also noted that the four elections scheduled this year will be expensive to the taxpayer. Pictured above with

U. S. Sen. Shelby talks with residents over breakfast

by Ferrin Cox, Publisher

U. S. Senator Richard Shelby addressed a group of Coffee County citizens at a Dutch treat breakfast in Enterprise last Friday morning. This was part of an established pattern the 14-year veteran senator follows when he returns to Alabama and makes visits to every corner of the state sometime during each calendar year.

Friday morning Shelby told the assembled group he was working on making the I-10 connector a reality; getting funding for both the Elba and Geneva levees; Navy helicopter training at Ft. Rucker; and legislation to stop the selling of personal financial and medical information by banks and insurance companies, which should remain private.

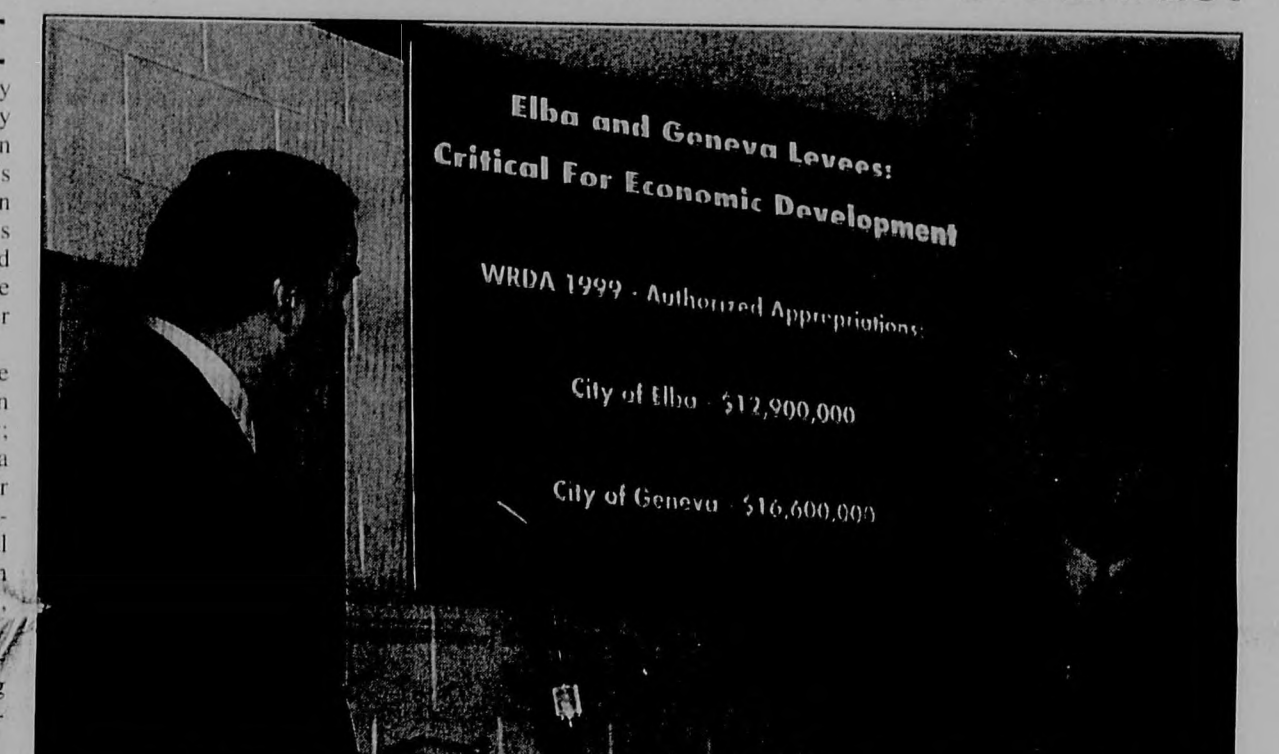
He quoted one of his favorite sayings, "If you focus on something and work together, you will generally get it."

Addressing the issue of the levees, the Senator said this was an important project and he didn't want to ever again stand and watch flood waters covering Elba. He explained that the money for repairing these levees is authorized and should be included in the appropriations bill to be passed before next fall. He noted that federal funding on these Corps of Engineer projects requires a large "local match" and he is working on securing these additional funds also.

Shelby presented charts showing that individual taxpayers pay the majority of the tax dollars used by the federal government.

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U. S. Senator Richard Shelby, left, and chief aid Tom Young hold one of several charts they used to show guest at a Friday morning Dutch treat breakfast what is happening in Washington. The above chart deals with the proposed funding to repair the Elba and Geneva levees, projects which the senator said are very important. He added that he expected these projects to be funded this year.

in federal highway funds... much less than the amount collected in the state. He noted however that he was instrumental in getting the formula changed and in the year 2000, Alabama's share of the funds total

almost \$600 billion. The Republican senator advocates a change in state laws to allow Alabama to hold a presidential primary "sometime after the New Hampshire primary, but before the

South Carolina primary but not on Super Tuesday." His reasoning for not having the primary on Super

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Elba C of C sponsoring Miss Elba & Miss ZC pageants

by Linda Hodge, Staff Writer

The annual Miss Elba pageants, sponsored by the Elba Chamber of Commerce, are a little over three weeks away, and change seems to be the big thing surrounding this year's hype.

"The Elba Chamber of Commerce is going to sponsor both the Miss Elba and Miss Zion Chapel pageants this year," said Kaye Whitworth, executive director of the Elba Chamber of Commerce.

"Our initial plan was to hold one set of pageants for the young ladies; however, we have since

decided to hold separate pageants for each group of girls."

Whitworth said both the Miss Elba and Miss Zion Chapel pageants will be held on the same night, March 18, at the Elba High School Auditorium with categories to include: Future Little Miss Elba and Zion Chapel, Little Miss Elba and Zion Chapel, Jr. Miss Elba and Zion Chapel and Miss Elba and Zion Chapel.

"We got the word that there was not going to be a Miss Zion Chapel pageant this year," Whitworth said. "We wanted these girls to have a chance to represent their communi-

ty, and since many of them have an Elba address and consider the City of Elba to be their home, we chose to include them in our pageant."

Although the Zion Chapel School is actually located in Jack, the community is small enough that most of the people in that area come to Elba to take care of their trade, both business and personal.

"When we looked into the details of holding the pageant with girls who attend the Elba schools and girls who attend the Zion Chapel

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Elba Chamber of Commerce sponsors Team Clean-up Day & Plant-A-Tree

Team Clean-up day and Plant-A-Tree Project, sponsored by the Elba Chamber of Commerce, is scheduled for Saturday, February 26, 2000, beginning at 9:00 a.m. Activities for the day will include: tree planting around the Courthouse Square, landscaping around the fountain and gazebo, and picking up trash around the city.

The Chamber is asking for merchants, civic organizations or individuals who would like to sponsor a flower spot around the sidewalks to call the Chamber office. The cost will be \$35.00 and a sign with the sponsor's name will be placed in the plot. It is the hope of the chamber that everyone will join in and become a part of the "Revitalization of Downtown Elba."

Many teams have already called to say they will be participating in this city-wide clean-up. Lunch will be provided at 12:00 noon, prepared by the Elba Volunteer Fire Department.

It is not too late for anyone who

wishes to put a team together and join in the fun.

Anyone who would like to help and is not part of a team can still participate by calling the Chamber office at 897-3125 and letting them know you will be joining in the day's events.

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